

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S123–S163

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3470–3480. **Page S159**

Measures Passed:

State and Local Government Cybersecurity Act: Senate passed S. 2520, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S161–162**

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 4898, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S162**

Supply Chain Security Training Act: Senate passed S. 2201, to manage supply chain risk through counterintelligence training, after withdrawing the committee amendments, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S162–163**

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 4899, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S163**

Bose Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation. **Pages S132–156**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 5), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S132**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S163**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 12, 2022; and that the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at 3:30 p.m. **Page S163**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 60 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 4), Alan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information. **Pages S123–131, S131–132**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marvin L. Adams, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Michael Cottman Morgan, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Laura Gore Ross, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Corey Wiggins, of Mississippi, to be Federal Co-chairperson, Delta Regional Authority. **Page S163**

Messages from the House: **Pages S158–159**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S161**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S161**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Page S132**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and recessed at 8:32 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S163.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal

Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HYDROPOWER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the opportunities and challenges for maintaining existing hydropower capacity, expanding hydropower at non-powered dams, and increasing pumped storage hydropower, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Garson, Acting Director, Water Power Technologies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Scott Corwin, Northwest Public Power Association, Vancouver, Washington; and Malcolm Woolf, National Hydropower Association, Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL COVID-19 RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a Federal perspective on the COVID-19 response, focusing on addressing new variants, after receiving testimony

from Rochelle P. Walensky, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Janet Woodcock, Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, and Dawn O'Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

DOMESTIC TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the domestic terrorism threat one year after January 6, after receiving testimony from Matthew G. Olsen, Assistant Attorney General, and Jill Sanborn, Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 6371–6372; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68; and H. Res. 865, were introduced. **Page H43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H43–44**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Correa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H11**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H19–20**

Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act and Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 860, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1836) to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the time during which members of the Armed Forces serve on active duty for training qualifies for educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4673) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the automatic enrollment

of eligible veterans in patient enrollment system of Department of Veterans Affairs; by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 3, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 2. **Pages H23–31**

Senate Referrals: S. 450 was held at the desk. S. 3451 was held at the desk. **Page H20**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H20.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H30 and H31.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SECURITY OF THE CAPITOL CAMPUS SINCE THE ATTACK OF JANUARY 6, 2021

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing entitled “Security of the Capitol Campus since the Attack of January 6, 2021”. Testimony was heard from Brett Blanton, Architect of the Capitol; J. Thomas Manger, Chief

of Police, U.S. Capitol Police; and Major General William J. Walker, Sergeant-at-Arms, U.S. House of Representatives.

RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY: THE CURRENT CRISIS, THE RESPONSE, AND THE WAY FORWARD

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: The Current Crisis, the Response, and the Way Forward”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Yancy Lindsey, Commander, Navy Installations Command; Rear Admiral Blake Converse, Deputy Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Rear Admiral John K. Korka, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Chief of Civil Engineers; Rear Admiral Peter Stamatopoulos, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command and Chief of Supply Corps; and Captain Michael McGinnis, Pacific Fleet Surgeon, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

CYBERSECURITY FOR THE NEW FRONTIER: REFORMING THE FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity for the New Frontier: Reforming the Federal Information Security Modernization Act”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer R. Franks, Director of Information Technology and Cybersecurity, U.S. Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nominations of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, and Henry Christopher Frey, of North Carolina, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and 18 GSA resolutions; to be immediately followed by an oversight

hearing to examine the Water Resources Development Act, focusing on USACE implementation of water infrastructure projects, programs, and priorities, 2:45 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Donald Armin Blome, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Joseph Donnelly, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, and Michele Taylor, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, all of the Department of State, Alice P. Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Enoch T. Ebong, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, and other pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Sarah H. Cleveland, of New York, to be Legal Adviser, James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, George J. Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to Greece, and Beth Van Schaack, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, Oren E. Whyche-Shaw, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, routine lists in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine closing the digital divide in Native communities through infrastructure investment, 2:30 p.m., SD-628/VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andre B. Mathis, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Jessica G. L. Clarke, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Hector Gonzalez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Fred W. Slaughter, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Sharon Bradford Franklin, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member, and Beth Ann Williams, of New Jersey, to be a Member, both of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Implications of Electric Vehicle Investments for Agriculture and Rural America”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Impact of Continuing Resolutions on

the Department of Defense and Services”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Review of SBA’s Top Management and Performance Challenges in Fiscal Year 2022 and SBA OIG’s Semiannual Report to Congress”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2022: Administration Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, January 12

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1836—Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act. Consideration of H.R. 4672—EVEST Act.

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